

# War Portents and Propaganda Sweep the World

## World Peace Forces Must Act Quickly

Under the smoke screen of fair words, vociferous professions of peace and justice by imperialist powers, and peace pacts pretending to limit armaments, there has not been since the World War so many war preparations and movements of fleets and troop ships and so much war and preparedness propaganda as now.

Seven leading powers are concentrating battleships and troops on China. The United States continues to move marines and battle ships to Nicaragua and to strengthen its military forces near the Mexican border.

These ACTS have much more significance than any WORDS issuing from the diplomatic headquarters of these imperialist nations.

Never before was their such crying need of utmost activity by the peace forces of the world. THE IMMEDIATE JOB OF ALL SOCIALISTS, ALL PROGRESSIVES, ALL WORKERS, IS TO PREVENT ANOTHER WORLD WAR—A WAR THAT WOULD BE INCOMPARABLY MORE FRIGHTFUL AND DESTRUCTIVE THAN THE LAST ONE.

## War-Makers Forming A Big World Trust

Under the subtitle, "Explosives Bring Harmony," the Wall Street Journal says in a recent article: "After years of intense competition and conflict, chemical manufacturers of the world are drawing together. As chemical industries are regarded as vital to national defense, they usually get about all the tariff protection they want. Competitors therefore, often find it more profitable to compromise and share markets than to shut each other out altogether."

"Last year the so-called dynamite trust was reorganized. Dupont, Nobel and the German makers formed a small company in London, with a view to establishing a common marketing policy throughout the world."

The Journal shows that the chemical concerns in this world trust are

becoming financially interrelated as well. The Mond-Nobel groups which dominate in England have reached out into Dynamite-Hamburg while Dupont has been buying up the other great German trust, I. G. Farben.

## Crisis Now Like The One In 1914

Middleborough, York, England.—David Lloyd George, Liberal leader and former premier, tonight, drew comparison between some conditions leading up to the World War in 1914 and those prevailing in China.

Alluding to the present widespread movement of troops to China, he said:

"The sinister fact was that it was a premature movement of troops in 1914 that brought negotiations to an end and projected the great war. We must see that the same thing does not happen again."

## Mussolini Is For Force In China

ROME, Italy.—Premier Mussolini has made it clear, in answering Great Britain's memorandum addressed to all the powers having interests in the Far East, that he is ready to join the British in the use of force if the situation at Shanghai becomes critical.

## Nations Secretly Betray Peace Pact

LONDON.—Naval construction has been revolutionized during the last five years. Behind the scenes naval architects have been planning, designing, scrapping, re-designing and remodeling patiently and ploddingly. The layman told himself in 1922 that the Washington naval treaty ended all naval ship competition for at least ten years. In actual practice nothing of the sort has occurred.

Great Britain has built two battleships, the Nelson and the Rodney, 35,000 tons displacement each. They embody revolutionary armament ideas. All nine guns of 16 inch caliber, each firing a shell of 2,240

pounds weight every two minutes, are carried forward.

France and Italy are taking up their allotment of 35,000 tons provided by the Washington treaty, in two super-cruisers each of 17,500 tons displacement. These cruisers defy the treaty restrictions, which say the limit of cruiser displacement shall be 10,000 tons. The light cruiser before the Washington treaty fired a broadside of 600 pounds. The broadside of the new cruiser is 2,240 pounds.

## All World Making Deadly Chemicals

PARIS, France.—The announcement by the ministry of war that a liquid flame throwing squad will soon be incorporated in every battalion of the French army has led to the disclosure that every army in Europe is now undergoing intensive training in "defensive chemical warfare."

In explanation to this type of warfare, which was so widely denounced in the world war, the French high command says it is not the intention of France to use gas first, but only to be prepared in case an enemy employs it in the next conflict.

Germany is working to perfect two new gases, one said to render harmless all known forms of gases, the other putting whole armies to sleep for four hours.

Italy and Belgium say they are forced to build up formidable defensive chemical warfare departments because "all other countries are doing it."

Reckless training a personnel of technicians, each nation is also developing a huge reservoir of chemicals, again with the excuse of "in case" an enemy makes the first gas attack.

Research work in connection with the chemical arm is likewise comprehensive. It is no secret that many new deadly gases have been discovered since the armistice.

Next to aviation secrets, those of chemical warfare are most sought after by the intelligence services of various nations. At present, says a spy, by outwardly friendly nations on each other is widespread.

## Typical Radio War Preparedness Talk

(The following is from a typical radio war talk broadcast recently from Chicago to thousands by Lieutenant Colonel LeRoy F. Smith, general staff, United States Army.)

"The United States not only leads the parade of nations in respect to military inactivity, but is practically the whole procession with its weakest competitor more than twice as attentive to the necessity of armed forces as the basis of the military strength in proportion to population our strongest competitor is displaying twenty-seven times as much interest in preparation for war."

"Arbitration is all right when the other party can be counted on to stand by the results of arbitration. In Mexico, however, the basis of arbitration has resulted only in violated agreements. The United States must protect with military force the rights of its citizens in Mexico. Chicago members of the American Legion are urged to write their representatives in Congress urging them to support a bigger navy program."

## Sowing the Seeds of Fear and Hate

(The following is another sample of the kind of pro-war propaganda with which the nation is now being flooded.)

Denver, Colo.—Virtually every nation in Europe hates the United States, and Europe is seeking a strong man, such as Premier Mussolini of Italy, to lead it in knocking "Uncle Sam's block off his shoulders." Gen. Peyton C. March, former chief of staff of the United States army, declared here, General March has just completed a five years tour of the seventeen major countries of Europe.

"Mussolini, sprung up from the soil of Italy, has changed the face of the world," he said. "The long effort by the Harding and Coolidge administrations to make the United States a member of the tribunal of interna-

## Pro-War Paper Owns to Guilt of America

(The following is an editorial in full from the Chicago Tribune.)

"Each battalion of French infantry is to have its squad of liquid flame throwers. It has been announced by the ministry of war. Correspondents abroad note that similar 'defensive' measures are being taken by every army in Europe. It is known that the Germans, the French, and the Russians are working on poison gases in the laboratories. So are the Italians and the Belgians, all of them. We believe signatories of the Geneva protocol which forbids the use of chemical weapons."

"Of course, it is no secret that this country, too, is preparing chemical weapons. A section of the army with an arsenal at its disposal is devoted to the business."

"All this is true in the face of the fact that chemical weapons have been forbidden in a series of international treaties beginning with that of Versailles and including the Washington disarmament agreement. This generation is doing all it can to provide scraps of paper for future use."

## World Court Bar Isolates America

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The United States is definitely out of the world court. Three major powers, including Great Britain, notified the state department today that they are not prepared to accept the American reservations to the League of Nations.

The names of the other powers were not made public by the state department. President Coolidge has announced publicly that if the other powers do not accept the American reservations, without change, the United States would remain outside the court.

In the light of this pronouncement, administration leaders united in a criticism of the long effort by the Harding and Coolidge administrations to make the United States a member of the tribunal of interna-

tional justice have been made futile. America is out of the world court because she has demanded nationalistic reservations and privileges not asked for by any other power. This further self-isolation of America increases the war danger.

## U. S. Forces Trail British Imperialists

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The U. S. S. Pres. with 254 marines, has arrived at Shanghai from Cavite, Philippine island, the navy department announced. The marines will await further orders from Admiral Clarence S. Williams, commander in chief of the Asiatic fleet.

1,200 Yanks Leave Honolulu.

HONOLULU, T. H.—The United States transport Chaumont, with 1,200 marines on board, has departed officially for Guam—but unofficial opinion among the marine officers aboard is that they will be taken direct to Shanghai and will land there within fourteen days.

## Big Navy Men Busy As Coolidge Makes Navy Peace Gesture

While the advocates of a big American navy were launching their plans by which they hope to gain the support of the House and Senate for a big battleship program, President Coolidge addressed a message to Congress proposing a conference between signers of the Washington naval pact—United States, Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan—calling another conference for the further limitation of navies.

The bigger navy men base their campaign on a charge that the Washington pact has been violated by other countries, a failure, and that the only security is for America to increase its armament.

A news dispatch says:

Washington, D. C.—Plans to urge the adoption of a naval building program before adjournment on March 4, much more ambitious in its scope than was thought possible of achievement when congress convened in Dec-

ember, has been agreed upon by the "big navy" group in the house.

Rep. Fred A. Britten (Rep., Ill.), ranking Republican member of the house naval affairs committee, announced that the house leaders have virtually promised a special rule for early consideration of his bill. The measure authorizes an appropriation of \$21,450,000 for modernization of the battleships Oklahoma and Nevada, completion of the airplane carriers Lexington and Saratoga, and the construction of a new fleet submarine.

## Senator Predicts War Against Mexico

New York.—"We are on the verge of the most kind of an imperialistic policy in the Latin American countries," said Senator Wheeler of Montana at a non-intervention mass meeting in this city.

The speaker predicted that after Congress adjourns next month war with Mexico will follow the killing of an American citizen or some other incident.

After denouncing American criticism of British imperialism in Africa and Asia, Senator Wheeler said:

"What hypocrisy goes what towards you are on the face of your pretensions and the pretensions of your statements and near-statements when you let your own Government permit a few mercenaries in your fair city of New York to take away the sovereignty of a free people in Nicaragua, in Haiti, in Santo Domingo, in Mexico or any other country."

"Are we going to build up and keep at great expense a huge army and a huge navy to protect all our nationals that seek to exploit the people of other nations who must come to us for money to develop their countries?"

"Are we going to loan the money and then let American boys to collect the money? Are we going to let our nationals obtain concessions or titles through bribery and corruption from weak and illiterate people and then send our American boys to guard them in their immoral, if not criminal, acts?"

"Are we going to intrigue or let our nationals intrigue for the over-

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# Socialist International Warns of New World War

## Condemns Soviets for Supplying German Reactionaries With Munitions

PARIS, France.—The Executive Committee of the Labor and Socialist International in session here has issued a stirring appeal in which it says that the spread of Fascism threatens a new world war and that the Balkan situation is similar to that of 1914. Workers throughout the world are urged to protest against the projected Hapsburg restoration in Hungary.

The American policy in Mexico and Central America and the Italian policy in Albania, Abyssinia, Arabia and the Balkans, where Italy is said to be trying to form an alliance between Hungary, Roumania and Bulgaria against Jugoslavia, were condemned.

The appeal protests against the British action in China and especially the use of Indian native troops against the Chinese. It urges the recall of the troops and the annulment of the one-sided treaties, the abolition of concessions and the establishment of complete Chinese independence.

The Committee meeting is presided over by Arthur Henderson, British Laborite leader. The Labor and Socialist International includes virtually all non-Communist and all non-Fascist labor organizations in Europe.

The German members of the Committee displayed evidence to show that the soviet government of Russia has been manufacturing war munitions for the German reactionaries, part of which was used to kill workers in Germany. A photograph was shown of the telegram alleged to have been sent by the rechswehr chiefs to an American bank announcing the shipment of \$50,000 for the payment of arms and poison gas manufactured in Russia under the auspices of the soviet government. The testimony of German workers who had worked in the soviet munition factories was given. Pamphlets in German and French will be issued by the labor and Socialist movement of Europe denouncing this act of the soviet government.

The marines are merely presidential tools of usurpation and war making upon friendly little nations.

## Coolidge-British Alliance, Revealed In Latin America, Is Real Danger In China

By Laurence Todd

In December the state department alleged its forces to combat the enforcement of Mexico's oil law, and discovered that the Aguila Oil Co., owned by Royal Dutch Shell, which in turn is 51 per cent owned by the British admiralty, was preparing to accept the Mexican law.

The Doherty, Mellon and Sinclair interests had agreed with the department to resist the law. Their claims covered only 850,000 to 900,000 acres of the 26,000,000 acres to which the law applied. Dec. 27, the Aguila changed its mind and joined the Doherty-Mellon-Sinclair group.

In December, also, the British consul in Managua, aided by the Italian consul (Britain and Mussolini are in close harmony) gave aid to Kellogg's Nicaraguan intervention by asking the American minister for protection for their nationals in Nicaragua.

China's revolution endangers British commercial interests and imperial prestige not merely in China but in India and the Mohammedan world in Africa and Asia. Especially did it threaten to bring about, after the final triumph of the Cantonese in China, a revolt in India that would ruin British industries at home and British trade in the east.

So Washington trails Britain in the orient, but it sends armed men toward China while the British are sending an army there. And the British assist in the resistance of Mellon to a Mexican expropriation of the titles of his oil lands.

## From The Pen Of Debs

(Compiled by Theodore Debs)

## Educate the Child

Every child is a potential revolutionist; whether he becomes one in fact will depend upon his intellectual environment. The reason for this is that every child on earth is not in open revolt against the system that robs him; but the beneficiaries of capitalism control every avenue of information and education from the cradle to the grave.

Every wealth producer, every wage-worker, ought to be in revolt against the system that robs him, and, if he was, the capitalist system would not last. The reason for this is that every child on earth is not in open revolt against the system that robs him; but the beneficiaries of capitalism control every avenue of information and education from the cradle to the grave.

In schools, both public and private, the child of the worker is taught to revere the institutions of capitalism; six days in the week, through the school, the press and the spoken word, a perfect deluge of capitalist philosophy and hypocrisy is poured upon the innocent and plastic mind of the child of the worker. On Sunday the church and the Sunday school perform their services for capitalism, and the child-mind is doped with the false morals of the master class—all in the sacred name of religion.

All the institutions of capitalism, including the State, the church, the press, the schools and even the places of amusement, conspire to poison the receptive mind of the child of the worker.

The hope of the future is in the child of today; teach him the songs of the revolution and above all teach him the revolutionary character of Jesus, the worker; teach him the religion of Love and Human Brotherhood; teach him to despise war and the fomenters of war.

Inculcate in the mind of the child a love for and a pride in his class, for, "as the twig is bent the tree's inclined." If the Socialists of today will attend to the training of the child, tomorrow will take care of itself.

## Sherman On War

"I confess without shame that I am tired and sick of war. Its glory is all moonshine. Even success, the most brilliant, is over dead and mangled bodies, the anguish and lamentation of distant families appealing to me for missing sons, husbands and fathers. It is only those who have not heard a shot nor heard the shrieks and groans of the wounded and lacerated, that cry aloud for more blood, more vengeance, more desolation. War is hell!"

# Radio Measure Threatens Censorship and Monopoly

## Tories O. K. Law Against Strikes And Labor Party

LONDON.—The government's program of legislation to restrict the power of labor unions to such an extent that another general strike would be virtually impossible received a vote of confidence in the house of commons today.

The legislation would prohibit general strikes by law, would make picketing by strikers illegal, and would prohibit an enforced levy on union men.

## Labor Boycott of U. S. Imperialists Starts in Mexico

Mexico City.—It was fully expected in all Mexican circles that the procedure adopted by the foreign oil interests in dismissing their workmen on account of the new petroleum legislation would result in labor hostility to the Calles administration, but quite the reverse has proved to be the case in the state of Vera Cruz, where the Land and Sea Federation of Labor has decided to boycott all products from north of the Rio Grande.

The members of the federation, numbering about 5,000, base their action against the "work of Yonqui capitalists" in Mexico and the effect of the boycott will be felt throughout the state. A resolution which has been duly circulated says that the boycott must be observed with respect to all American products, and include not only such material items as machinery, woodwork, paints and similar articles, but also music and motion pictures. The men are advised that they must not enter any movie house where American films are shown, must not dance to jazz music and may not even eat in restaurants where American music is being played. American made drinks are also forbidden to workmen.

The big banks are eating the little ones. Twelve hundred gobbled the last year.

## Nicaragua President Ousted to Complete Grab of State Bank

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Solozano, the duly elected president of Nicaragua, was compelled to resign in October 1926 because he had neglected his financial agents in this country not to sell the Bank of Nicaragua and the Nicaraguan National railroad to a group of American bankers headed by Robert F. Loree of New York, vice president of the Guaranty Trust Company of New York.

Three weeks before the revolution against Solozano was launched the American bankers knew it was coming.

These and other highly sensational facts concerning the Nicaraguan situation have been brought to light by a subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. Senator Henrik Shipstead of Minnesota is chairman of this subcommittee and the revelations concerning the forces behind the Nicaraguan imbroglio are largely due to his painstaking examination of the witnesses who have appeared before the committee.

Among these witnesses are Toribio Tijerino, for many years Nicaragua's consul general in New York; Dr. Jose L. Medina, president of the bank of Nicaragua; Thomas P. Moffett, for years connected with the State Department in important capacities, and a number of officials of the bank and the railroad who were in position to know what was going on.

Tijerino testified that in 1926 Dr. Pedro Gonzalez, financial agent of President Solozano, in the United States wired Solozano not to sell the government bank to a group of United States financiers who were pressing hard to recover control after having sold control to the government at an enormous profit.

"This order proved costly to President Solozano," said Tijerino. "In a short time—exactly 20 days—he was shorn of power. General Chamorro executed his military coup. I myself had already been ousted as financial agent and Dr. Gonzalez was ousted also while he was on his death bed in Washington, shortly before that great man passed away."

"From then on Mr. Loree's plan to grab the bank and the railroad of Nicaragua has been developing."

It is a great scheme. When you ask the banks to give you back what you deposited with them, they return you—bank notes. They still owe you.

NEW YORK.—President Coolidge could shut out the radio stations and "new up public opinion" if the administration's conference committee radio bill before congress becomes law. American public opinion, Union attorney Morris Ernst said, is being given all rules and close any radio station in time of war, threat of war, or "a state of public peril."

Coolidge could follow his first step of seizing radio stations by ordering the Federal Bureau of Investigation to seize the stations and public to support his Mexican and Nicaraguan policies with radio control under the bill.

All protection against free speech, gagging, discrimination and monopoly has either been cut out of the new radio bill or framed into jokes. Ernst charges in a telegram to senator Dill, who made the original radio control bill. The Civil Liberties Union objects to the new bill, Ernst wires, for these reasons:

(1) New measure places no restrictions on trading in licenses for profit. (2) It offers no safeguard against monopoly through stock ownership. (3) It has no provision against party discrimination in broadcasting, as guarantees of equal opportunity for candidates do not cover partisans of candidates. (4) There is no provision for complete public records of broadcasting permits and rejections. (5) Power of appeal from decisions is restricted to parties in interest thus ruling out the public. (6) The president's power to suspend rules and close stations in times of public emergency may deprive the public of radio service at the hour of greatest need."

## Vote Today to Save Your Paper!

After eight weeks of magnificent activity on the part of the Appeal Army which was carrying the paper and the party rapidly to success, the vote to save the Appeal and the Party is gaining momentum.

Nineteen thousand Socialists who take the Appeal have not yet voted. THEIR FAILURE TO VOTE IS A VOTE AGAINST THE APPEAL AND WILL KILL IT. Without the Appeal the movement will not amount to anything for years.

All who want a movement in America, get busy; do something! A sub turned in; a sub card order, a bundle order or a donation are votes to save the paper and the movement.

How are you voting?

Those sending in \$5 or more for subs or donations will get the Debs' photo.

On page 2 is a vote blank; use it.



# Army Members and Locals Show How It's Done

"Our circle is going to battle for the Appeal subscriptions. Could you help us out? We would like to get a list of Maynard subscribers with the date their subscriptions end."—Alli S. Lindfors, Maynard Circle, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

"Hurry for the Appeal! When they get started the Appeal will go like wildfire."

"Send me 20 yearly and 20 half yearly Appeal sub cards for inclosed \$50."—W. S. Evers, Finnish Socialist Federation, Fairburg, Mass.

"The way the language federations are getting behind the Appeal makes us feel absolutely sure of the future."

"I wish to state for Local San Francisco that we will do our best to increase American Appeal subscriptions. Send us the names and addresses of the San Francisco Socialists of the Appeal who are delinquent."—J. S. S. Secretary.

"The Japanese Socialist Federation will do everything possible for the Appeal. At the last meeting we authorized the purchase of 25 yearly sub cards which were obtained from Comrade Saver who appeared before

the meeting of Branch No. 1. When we dispose of that lot, we will order some more."—Charles Pogorelec, Translator-Secretary.

"In behalf of Local Umastilla, Ore. I am enclosing five six month subscriptions for the Appeal and check herewith. We have decided to send the Appeal to five good prospects for six months rather than order bundles, as most of us are farmers and too busy to hand them out. When the six months are up, we will send five more six month subs."—Mrs. Minnie McFarland, Secretary.

"We'll say that's a good plan and hope other locals will follow it."

"Here's the way the Socialist fight is warming up in the New England district. Alfred Baker Lewis, Secretary, sends in the following orders: For subs, including three-month trial subs for trade union leaders of Pittsfield, Mass., \$1.80 and the following bundles: Boston Central Branch 25 in addition to their regular bundle; and 10 copies each to individuals in Salem, Worcester, Greenfield, Newburyport and Lowell."

"A great deal of discussion has

taken place here in the last few days in regard to the possibility of preventing war. It has occurred to me that while the subject is uppermost in mind, we have an unusual opportunity of getting the Socialist plan before the people. I am, therefore, making a list of 45 persons whom I think are much interested in this subject and ask that you mail each a copy of the January 16th issue of the Appeal, marking the article, 'Can We Establish A Warless World?' You might include the late letter giving the Party's stand on the Mexican and Nicaraguan situation."

"Here is a check for five new subs. These are all young men who are growing discontented. Perhaps the Appeal will reveal to them the cause of their discontent and the solution of the problem that confronts them. You are getting out the best radical paper in America today and if those who are interested in evolutionary progress would get behind you there is no question but that the American Appeal will attain the circulation once reached by the old Appeal to Reason. You can count on my help in every possible way."—George H. Shoaf, Los Angeles.

"Several faithful comrades here want to contribute their mite to the Debs Monument. The Appeal is a glorious paper. I enclose a dollar for my renewal. I am extremely busy and cannot devote the time I would like to the great Cause in this super-epochal period of history."—Charles Bondall, Salem, Ohio, a veteran of the Civil War and Friend of Debs.

"Enclosed find one dollar for my renewal and a dollar donation toward sustaining the life of the paper founded by our great leader, Eugene V. Debs. Our cause is growing in this part of the country, but there are not yet who are outspoken in favor of the Party."—Emmett Miller, Gasconade, Mo.

"Here is my renewal to the Appeal. We all know that the greatest power in our time is the press. The Socialist Party needs its own national paper more than anything else. Many European countries are way ahead of us in this respect. We must get our own party paper on a solid foundation. Without that we will never get anywhere. By building the party paper on a solid foundation, we will also help the other Socialist papers more than we could do in any other way. There are at least two million Socialists in the United States. If in such a promising field, we cannot build up our national paper on a solid foundation, then I say, we do not deserve one."—J. S. Holland, Los Angeles.

"I am sending you a dollar for which I want you to start a bundle

of five to run every week. I have made arrangements with the pool hall man here to sell the Appeal at a nickel. If they go all right he will keep them for sale there."—Z. F. Anderson, Pukwana, S. Dakota.

"Please send me the American Appeal for one year for the Library of the American Federation of Labor."—Julian Pierce, Librarian, Washington, D. C.

"I am sending you a list of names of subscribers whose subs are due to expire. Would you please cross out those who have not renewed, as I want to get after them."—Henry Heesacker, West De Pere, Wis.

"That's the way the above Army Scout goes after those whose subs are turned in. A lot more are doing the same thing. WE WANT EVERY APPEAL HUSTLER TO DO THIS FOR THEIR PAPER."

"Long live the Appeal and much good may it do. Here is a dollar to help maintain it during 1927. May we be able soon to put it on a self-sustaining basis. Please tell King or

dictator Coolidge and his chum Kellogg that the mothers of the soldiers

of the World War say that if they are determined to get us into war with Mexico or any other country, to don the uniforms and fight it out themselves."—Mrs. M. E. Blaylock, Greenwood, Ark.

"Please find inclosed \$5 for which send me sub cards and Gene's picture. Where can I get in touch with someone in our state to get connected with the movement? I am a kid of three score and thirteen years and have been in the revolutionary movement 50 years. You sure are throwing light on the Mexican situation, as I am well acquainted with old Porfirio Diaz, that imp of hell, who kept the poor peons in subjection."—Albert Peterman, Cumberland, Iowa.

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### Colorado

Colorado Comrades, Attention! The bright light of the new day is shining on the horizon, so let us rally and hasten the glad day in. We have had a good vacation from party activities, so now let us buckle up our armor and wade into the fray as if we meant it. We have around \$70.00 in the state treasury now, and I am herewith issuing a call for volunteer contributions to supplement it and then get an organizer in the state and put the state in the front ranks in the fight for the emancipation of mankind. Yours for Socialism in our time, C. A. Bushnell, State Secy.

### New England District

**Boston**  
The Speakers Training Class has met regularly since it started two months ago every Sunday at 5:00 p. m. at 21 Essex Street. The meetings are open to everyone. February 20th the subject was "Crises, Panics, and Business Depression."  
Ester Friedman speaks at our hall, 21 Essex Street, on Thursday Feb. 17th at 8:00 on "The Need for a Labor Party," and on Thursday February 23rd, on "The Struggle between Democracy and Plutocracy in America."

**Springfield**  
Ester Friedman speaks on February 20th at the Socialist Party Headquarters, 133 Bridge St. on "The Need for a Labor Party."

**Maynard**  
The Y. P. S. L. and Socialist Party will have Ester Friedman at Socialist Hall on Tuesday, February 22nd, on the subject of "The Struggle between Democracy and Plutocracy in America."

**Worcester**  
Ester Friedman will speak for the Educational Committee of the Central Labor Union on "Labor and the Next War," Wednesday, February 23rd, on Friday February 17th and 25th she holds two meetings for the Socialist Party.

**Greenfield**  
Ester Friedman speaks at the Socialist Party hall on Saturday February 19th, and Saturday February 26th, on the subjects of "War," and "American Plutocracy," respectively.

**Newburyport**  
The Socialist Party will have Ester Friedman as their speaker on the subject of "America and Mexico on Monday, February 21st. Comrades from Amesbury will attend this meeting.

**Haverhill**  
Norman Thomas speaks at the Haverhill Forum on Sunday February 20th. Ester Friedman will speak for the Workers' Circle on Sunday, February 27th. Massachusetts State Office News.

Joe Kelly is available for speaking dates on the Mexican situation on February 21, 24 and 25th.

We are increasing the circulation of the New Leader and American Appeal by giving trade unionists trial subscriptions for these papers, \$1.00 for four trials and to the American Appeal for 3 months' time, and 3 trial subs to the New Leader. Comrades

who want to help out in this good work are asked to do so. The reactionaries tried to slip over a criminal syndicalism bill, but the State Secretary had gotten several organizations to oppose the bill, among them the Social Justice Committee of the Community Church, and it is hoped that the bill will be killed in Committee.

The Socialist Party also sent a representative to argue in favor of the bill to prohibit injunctions against peaceful picketing, the bill to declare "yellow dog" contracts void, the bill to raise the school age to 16, the bill to raise the amount of compensation for total disability from \$16.00 to \$18.00 and the old age pension bills. We opposed, besides the criminal syndicalist bill, a vicious strike bill which would have enacted compulsory arbitration, the bill to increase the legal limit for hours of labor for women, and a bill aimed against the teachers' union.

Our own bill for Unemployment Insurance will not be introduced until the next session of the Legislature.

**New Haven**  
The Socialist Party will hold a banquet for the benefit of the Commonwealth, Saturday evening, February 20th, at the Workers' Circle Educational Center, 433 Oak Street, New Haven.

This is the Second Annual Banquet and an unusually good time is promised to those who attend. We are holding the banquet for the purpose of creating interest in the paper, and we hope that all who want to see the paper expand in size and increase in circulation will be present.

**Wisconsin**  
A letter from Ed. D. Deuss, State Secretary, informs the American Appeal, through the Socialist Party, that a convention in Labor Hall, February 13th, and placed nominees in the field for the spring election.

The report further states that the meeting was well attended and most enthusiastic.

We hope the readers of the American Appeal in Sheboygan will all get busy and be active members of the Party.

**New York**  
State Secretary Merrill reports that the four locals that he recently visited had fairly well-attended meetings. About half of the total membership of Port Chester turned out, and two-thirds or more of the membership of Yonkers. The problem most interesting to the comrades was that of getting the younger element of the population to affiliate. This, however, is not the difficulty of the Finnish members of Port Chester, where a branch of the Y. P. S. L. has lately been organized. Port Chester is holding weekly meetings and lectures, so that the American branches of the Party should more frequently emulate Yonkers. Port Chester has taken action to send literature periodically to a selected list of prospects for membership. New Rochelle feels that the only way to effectively carry on propaganda is by sending literature through the mails. Poughkeepsie, which is still a good town for summer open-air meetings, will co-

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**New York City**  
The organization of the New York City Socialists is in a somewhat better condition at the present time than it has been for some years. There is a steady influx of new members, and the 40 or 45 branches of the Party, and a considerable number of the new members are taking an active part in their branch activities. There are now 45 branches in the Greater City, divided as follows: 21 in Manhattan—4 in the Bronx—16 in Brooklyn—2 in Queens—12 in Richmond County. One half of the 45 branches are either very active or meet regularly and are engaged in some activities of one kind or another. The other 22 maintain an existence varying from mere dues paying, with occasional meetings, to a condition of complete stasis. Every effort is now being made to bring into activity those branches that have for one reason or another been dormant and beginning on or about the 15th of this month an intensive drive for membership will be on in various parts of the city. Meetings with enrolled Socialist voters will be held under the direction of Comrade Judge Jacob Panken, Norman Thomas, Wm. Karlin, Pierre Di Nio and August Claessens. It is expected that some 50 or 60 meetings will be held within the next couple of months, and that several hundred new Socialist Party members will be initiated into the work of our movement. Together with this drive for membership every opportunity presented in conjunction with these meetings will be exploited in obtaining larger numbers of subscribers and readers for our Party Press.

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## Appeal Army Activities

### The Vote To Save The Appeal Slumps During the Week

The vote to save the Appeal and Party in response to the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party for every one of the Appeal's 20,000 readers, which has been running better than \$100 a week, slumped to \$10.50.

ONLY A THOUSAND OF THE APPEAL'S READERS HAVE VOTED SO FAR IN FAVOR OF MAINTAINING THE PAPER AND PARTY. THERE ARE 19,000 YET TO BE HEARD FROM.

COME ON, YOU BIGGER ARMY. MAKE UP YOUR MINDS TO SEND IN ONE OR MORE SUBS, OR ORDER A BUNDLE OR A BUNCH OF SUB CARDS TO SELL LATER, OR MAKE A DONATION.

Do it right away. The Appeal has been advancing at a stride that certainly means success ever since early in the year. It is UP TO THE 19,000 TO FURNISH THE HELP TO KEEP US UP TO THAT LEVEL.

Here is the record for the week ending Feb. 12:

**Contributions**  
Geo. W. Rumbie, Wallace, Idaho \$2.00  
Wm. J. Futch, West Allis, Wis. 1.00  
Jos. Eulenstein, Camden, N. J. 1.00  
Harry S. Rofsynder, Reading, Pa. 1.00  
Herman E. Keller, Greenfield, Mass. 1.00  
M. Steinman, Brooklyn, N.Y. 2.00  
H. Carron, Ridgefield, N.Y. 2.00  
N. J. 2.00  
Joseph Stiles, Brooklyn, N. J. 1.00  
Ralph Stiles, Brooklyn, N. J. 1.00  
Paul Harris, Milwaukee, Wis. 1.00  
Joshua Luchmeyer, West Allis, Wis. 1.00  
H. E. Nelson, Mountain View, Calif. 2.00  
Arna Richter, Milwaukee, Wis. 1.00

**Price List**  
National Office, Socialist Party, 2653 Washington Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois.

The Socialist Party is determined to get all the books on the shelves in the National Office, making Socialists. They are doing no good on the shelves. Their circulation through Socialists organizations and individuals throughout the country will create a lot of healthy activity and make the movement grow.

To these ends prices have been cut to the bone for the purpose of getting all these books out before the end of the present political campaign. Look down the list. Save these prices, pick out your books and order at once. The sale price, leaflets, buttons, emblems and local supplies will be published in an early issue of the Appeal.

This price list supersedes all lists previously published. The 100 lot price will not be allowed on quantities of less than 100, but will be effective on all orders amounting to 100 or more, either one kind or assorted lot. All prices include postage or express charges prepaid. Remittances must accompany order. Checks and money orders should be made payable to the National Office, Socialist Party.

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